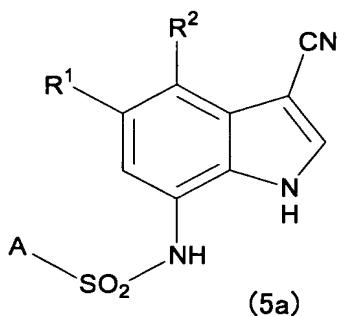
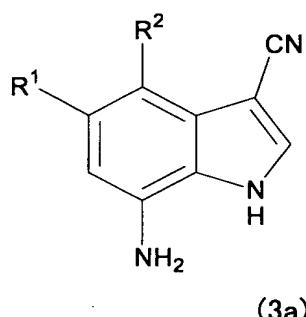


ABSTRACT

A process for preparing a compound (5a) represented by the following formula:



5 wherein R¹ and R² each independently represent hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, etc. and A represents cyanophenyl, etc., characterized by reacting a compound (3a) represented by the following formula:



10 wherein R¹ and R² have the same definitions as above, with a compound represented by the formula A-SO₂Cl, wherein A has the same definition as above, in the presence of a base, in a mixed solvent of water and C₁₋₆ alkyl acetate.